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High-level Political Signing Conference for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998, in which it decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose of elaborating a comprehensive international convention against transnational organized crime and discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by land, sea and air,

Recalling also that resolution 54/... requested the Ad Hoc Committee to schedule sufficient time, subject to the availability of funds, from the regular budget or from extrabudgetary resources, for the negotiation of the draft protocols addressing trafficking in persons, especially women and children, the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and smuggling of migrants, by land, air and sea, in order to enhance the possibility of their completion at the same time as the main convention,

Acknowledging the progress made thus far by the Ad Hoc Committee towards the goal of completing negotiations in 2000,

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Mindful that substantive negotiations of the draft Convention and the draft protocols thereto continue in Vienna in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 53/111 and 53/114 of 9 December 1998,

Recalling that resolution 54/... decided that the Ad Hoc Committee in Vienna shall submit the final text of the draft Convention and draft protocols thereto to the General Assembly for early adoption prior to a high-level signing conference;

Recalling also the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, adopted by the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, held in Naples, Italy, from 21 to 23 November 1994,[1] in which the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was requested to initiate the process of elaborating international instruments, such as a convention or conventions against transnational organized crime;

Recognizing the initiating role and the contribution of Poland to the development of a draft convention against transnational organized crime;

Recognizing the historic and symbolic importance of associating the first international convention against transnational organized crime with the city of Palermo, Italy,

1. *Accepts with appreciation* the offer of the Government of Italy to host a high-level political signing conference in Palermo for the purpose of signing the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto;

2. *Decides* to convene the High-level Political Signing Conference for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in Palermo;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to schedule the High-level Conference in Palermo for a period of up to one week before the end of the Millennium Assembly in 2000 with the Conference to be organized in accordance with resolution 40/243;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention to work with the Government of Italy, in consultation with Member States, to propose the agenda for the organization of the High-level Political Signing Conference, including opportunities for high-level delegates to discuss matters related to the draft Convention and the draft protocols thereto, in particular the follow-up activities, for their effective implementation and future work;

5. *Invites* all States to be represented at the High-level Political Signing Conference at the highest possible levels of government.

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[1] A/49/748, annex, chap. I, sect. A.